

## STORY OF GENIUS EYES ON TOPEKA

Topeka Printer Relates Tale of Famous Inventor's Life.

Gus Ellinwood Worked as Examiner for Akron Firm.

DRUNK—HE WAS AT HIS BEST

He Raved in His Sleep—Foretold Losing His Mind.

Edison Treated Disrespectfully; Married Genius's Daughter.

"Six million matches an hour! Heavens and earth! Cut 'em out—put the composition on 'em—put 'em in the box—deliver 'em to the shipping room. Get down and let me see your footprints in the sand. Six million matches! Heavens and earth, no wonder I'm losing my mind!"

"That's just the way he was raving the first time I ever heard his voice," said Ed Reeder, a Topeka printer, speaking of Gus Ellinwood, the famous inventor, of Akron, Ohio. "I was 'way along in the night. My wife awoke me and we lay there and listened to him. His room was next to ours and we knew he was drunk. I was our first day there, but we recognized the voice as that of Gus Ellinwood, because the candidate had told us about him and warned us not to be alarmed if we ever heard him raving."

He Got Acquainted.

A few days later Reeder says, he and Gus became very friendly. Gus had invented a machine that would do just what he tried of in his ravings. That was fifteen years ago.

"I've heard since that he cut his throat," said Reeder. "He had always been all right, but it seems as tho the process of getting that match machine idea out of his system just naturally upset his mind."

Edison Visits Him.

"But anyway, Thomas Edison used to come over to see Gus and we would all get together and have long talks. Gus was employed as examiner for the Buckeye motor and repair works and made big money. He had a brain like Edison's and the drunker he was the better he worked. I have seen him so drunk that he couldn't get up the stairs by himself and yet he would sit down at his table and work out some problem that seemed utterly impossible. It would make him more to tell him he was drunk, but he didn't mind me telling him that he had been drinking. It was good for him, he said."

Well, Louis Miller was at the head of the Buckeye works and Edison took a fancy to his daughter, whom he married some time later. And while courting her he got acquainted with Gus and they became very friendly. It was a shame how disrespectful Gus used to talk to Edison sometimes, but Edison would always take it good naturedly.

People Tried to "Gyp" Him.

"Gus invented some great things. I think the patent on the match machine was really wanted by the Diamond Match company, and I don't know what was done with his other inventions, although there was always a number of people trying to beat him out of them. He invented a belt stretcher machine and told a delegation that called on him from an eastern concern that he could buy all their belts at so much a foot, run them thru his machine, and sell them back at 10 cents a foot less than he paid and still be making money."

"He used to give me problems to work out in connection with his inventions. I would take them and he would laugh at me and tell me how easy it was. And it was—for him. One time, Gus was impossible to match. I told him that he would have to have two wheels of the same speed, but the other wheel and still at one end, then the other end, and must not slip. How was it to be done? I told him that he was foolish and that the machine was impossible. And one with common sense would have known it, but he was impossible with a machine. I solved the problem by using a rubber belt."

He Was a Botanist, Too.

"But Gus was strong for booze. Many a Sunday I have taken him up into the beautiful Cuyahoga valley north of Akron to hunt butterflies, which we would capture with a net and preserve. I did this to keep him

Government Watching Work Public Health Nurse Body.

Effort To Save 100,000 Children a Year in U. S.

TWO CLINICS A WEEK HERE

Mothers Are Welcomed at City Hall Tuesdays, Thursdays.

Work Conducted in Topeka by Mrs. Bailey, Head Nurse.

In an effort to save the lives of 100,000 children this year, the federal government is encouraging the establishment of baby clinics all over the country, looking toward an enormous decrease in the infant mortality rate. The work is being handled by the government thru the woman's committee, national council of defense, and in Topeka, it is conducted locally by the Public Health Nursing association, working with the woman's committee in co-operation with the Federal Children's Bureau at Washington.

The clinics here are held in two of the front rooms of the Auditorium building, which are equipped with measuring and weighing apparatus, and other articles necessary for the work. For each child examined, there is a card ruled up for blanks for figures and facts revealed by the examination. One side of the card is kept by the mother, and a card bearing the information in duplicate is detached and sent on to Washington to be kept on record there.

Twice a Week Here.

Twice each week the clinics are held, Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon. They are free, and every mother of young children who desires her children's welfare and wishes to comply with the request of her government, is asked to take her children to the clinics.

The work is conducted by Mrs. Bailey, head nurse for the Topeka Public Health Nursing association. She makes such recommendations to the mothers as falls within the province of a nurse, and where she diagnoses medical care is desirable, she advises the mother to take the child to the family physician for such treatment as he may find to be necessary.

The clinics are held at four o'clock in the afternoon Tuesdays and Thursdays.

BROOMS MAY COME DOWN

Big Crop of Broom Corn Promised. Also Beans, Sugar Beets, Peanuts.

Washington, July 20.—The largest crops of beans, sugar beets and peanuts ever grown in the United States are in prospect for this year's harvest. Department of agriculture production forecasts show an increase over last year of 13,500,000 bushels in the peanut crop, with a total of 79,750,000 bushels; an increase of almost 5,000,000 bushels in the bean crop, with a total of 19,791,000 bushels; and an increase of 287,000 tons in the sugar beet crop, with a total of 5,347,000 tons.

The hop crop promises 32,494,000 pounds, an increase of almost 3,000,000 pounds over last year's crop; corn, 10,500 tons, an increase of 8,500 tons; alfalfa, etc., 110,000,000 bushels; an increase of 24,000,000 bushels; and sorghum (syrup) 34,317,000 gallons, a slight decrease.

Foretold Own Fate.

"I used to have a photograph record supplied to represent the ravings of a lunatic. To me, of course, it was a joke, but Gus would take it seriously, and finally became so attached to it that his wife appealed to me to take it away. I threw it away and told Gus that I had broken it. "That's just the way I'll be some of these days, Ed," he would say as he sat there and listened to the record. "I'm going to lose my mind just like that fellow." And I guess he did, for it began to show on him about the time he finished the match machine and the last I heard of him he had ended it all. Yes, Gus was a great man."

## Local News Events of the Past Week

As Depicted By Bolmar



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## HUN VIEW OF WAR

German Soldiers Still Think They'll Conquer World.

Unadulterated Prussianism Prevails Thru German Ranks.

WEAKEST MUST GO UNDER

Prisoners Say Only Stronger Will Survive After War.

"All the World Against Hun Will Fail in Ruins."

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, July 20.—Despite their four years of fighting, some of the German prisoners of war still are obsessed by the German idea of conquering the world. That unadulterated Prussianism still exists in the German ranks is the conclusion of one British officer who has interviewed a number of the German prisoners. One of them he describes as "an intelligent university man." The British officer quotes their conversation as follows:

"I do not wish to insult you," said the officer, "but you English are well-intentioned fools. We who govern in Germany are not like you. We govern the fools; the fools govern you."

"Your principles are sweeping," replied the British. "To come down to practice, what have you to say about the guilt of beginning the war?"

"Guilt!" demanded the German. "It was a glory. I claim it for Germany."

"That is hardly your official view," said the British.

"The official view is for the fools," replied the German.

"God is Prussian Purpose."

"But you believe in the Prussian purpose behind all this," asked the British officer.

"I do, as in nothing else," replied the German. "The Prussian purpose is God. There is no other. Prussia will rend the veil of the temple, and she will destroy to create. Against Prussia might the world as exists today will fall in ruins, but Prussia will build a better and more virile world in its place. Strength only will survive. The life of man is naturally a fight. The strongest in force and cunning will live."

"It will be going back to the Flood," said the British.

"Prussia is the Flood," replied the German. "And when the old world is drowned, virtue and all such weaknesses will go with it."

"The old virtue was womanish," said the prisoner. "The new virtue is strength."

"In that blessed future will war reign triumphant?"

"Life is war—all of life that is healthy. Peace is only striving for mastery with other weapons. That is the law of nature."

Stronger Will Live.

"So everyone will fight till everyone is dead?"

"The weakest will go under. They are the disease. The stronger will live; and after that the stronger and stronger, till there is perfect health."

"But it may be that Prussia will keep a few slaves," said the German.

"Those who care not to fight that they may rule are in their nature slaves," replied the British.

"I had had enough of it," the officer concluded. "It was nauseating. But the man was genuine in his beliefs and so obsessed by his elementary notion of virility that it was a waste of time to argue with him. His conceptions were quite definite and not a doubt assailed him. The hideous world of his vision seemed to him a natural and a glorious world."

FREE MOVING PICTURES

Free moving picture show will be given in Security Hall next Monday afternoon. All children can enjoy certain pictures in the afternoon. Admission will be admitted without charge. Children carrying a rifle or a gun will be accompanied by parent or guardian. Ad.

## FOUR YEARS OF WAR

The world is completing the fourth year of its most colossal struggle.

Four years ago next Friday there was fired, on the banks of the Danube, the first shot in the war.

Now 26 nations, including all the great countries of the world, are involved in a struggle which is destined to decide whether the people or the idle, vicious and wicked autocrats shall rule the world.

America has gone in on the side of the people, and YOU are in the war—to the finish.

As we begin the fifth year of the war, a review is appropriate.

Beginning next Monday, and continuing through the week, the State Journal will publish a series of special articles reviewing the war in all its principal phases.

Monday, E. H. Wood and Ed. L. Keen will review the war from viewpoint of Americans in France and England.

Tuesday, Fred S. Ferguson, at the American front.

Wednesday, William Philip Simms, from the British battlefield.

Thursday, Joseph V. Shaplen will write about Russia, and the Italian situation will be reviewed.

Friday, J. W. T. Mason, United Press war expert, will view the war as a whole, and Washington correspondents will tell of America's job.

Saturday, G. D. Grubb, writing from Paris.

DON'T MISS ANY OF THEM!

## USE BLANK BALLOTS

Opportunity to Vote at Primaries for Men Not on Party Tickets.

Blank ballots will be provided at the voting booths in the August primaries, under the election laws of the state as compiled by J. T. Botkin, secretary of state. The blanks will be provided for the nomination of non-partisan candidates for such offices as voters may desire to contest.

Section 15 of the general primary laws—section 4187 of the general statutes of 1915—provides for the blank ballots and defines the manner in which non-partisan candidates may be nominated. A person calling for a blank ballot, or writing in the blank spaces the men whom he or she desires nominated for the various offices, should a person desire merely to aid in the nomination of a non-partisan or independent candidate for one office, the voter would not be permitted to cast a vote for party candidates for other offices in the district where an independent legislative candidate might be voted for, the blank ballot cannot vote for the regular candidates for senator and governor. Their voting is confined

entirely to persons whose names are not printed on the ballot as candidates for party nomination.

25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

July 20, 1903.

A bank note for \$1 issued by the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Topeka has been given to the historical society by Charles A. Foster of Quincy, Mass.

The new horse wagon for fire station No. 4 went into service last evening. It was built at the shop of Kinley & Lannan.

Mrs. Nannie Hopkins is ill at her home in Lincoln street.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Doolittle went to Chicago yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Hyatt of Leavenworth is the guest of Misses Nina and May Thomas of Topeka.

Chas. E. and Jasper N. Watkins entertained last evening at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conwell, for Miss Berle Dyer of Opa City and Miss Caille Conwell of Manhattan.

Chain letters are to be barred hereafter from the United States mails.

book anyway, so that don't worry me. But you made me think something was wrong after the following. Heine, you wrote me such a beautiful plea for the check, and incidentally stated that the main ambition which you had set your heart on was to become a politician. So that some day you could get der chob off being assistant president of der United States. Now, Heine, I haff been talking mit a politician, and he says dot der aim is not so good as der aim of der politician. He says dot der aim is not so good as der aim of der politician. He says dot der aim is not so good as der aim of der politician.

Veil, Heine, next week I see der Bailey and Barnum circus coming to town. I see it in der news, and I see it in der news. I see it in der news, and I see it in der news. I see it in der news, and I see it in der news.

Hoping you are der same. Your fader.

LOUIE SCHNITZ.

P. S.—Heine, Tenth street is still uneven.

## SHE HAS 6 DOGS

Topeka Woman Is Too Poor To Pay Taxes on Them.

Pleads Her Case Before "Heartless" City Commissioners.

ONE DOG IS A SNAKE CHASER

Reptiles Would Take Possession of Her Home, She Declares.

Another Runs Errands and One Watches the Door.

The city commissioners are puzzled to know what to do with the case of an old lady living at 213 Morris avenue, who, according to neighbors, owns five or six dogs.

The woman says she is very poor and cannot afford to pay the taxes on them, which would amount to quite a sum.

But, according to her story, all these dogs are essential to her existence and they say, and she says, that one of them is a terror to snakes, she says, and without him the snakes would literally take possession of her home.

Another runs errands, another guards her door, and so on. Each dog has a purpose in life, it seems.

A few days ago she appeared before the city commissioners, having been notified that the taxes must be paid or the dogs go to the pound, to plead her case. Notwithstanding the fact that they believed the dog army being maintained by the woman was too large and that the canines ate up more food than they were worth, the commissioners took the matter under advisement. But the law must prevail, they say, and the dogs will be imprisoned by the dog-catcher Monday unless the taxes are paid.

Some time ago the dog-catcher got hold of one of the dogs and took him to the pound. When pleading for his release without compensation was plainly to no avail, the fond owner appeared with two dollars and the dog was released.

URGED TO RECRUIT NURSES

Seven Hundred Committees in 5 States Busy Enlisting Women Now.

St. Louis, July 20.—The 700 committees appointed in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas to recruit trained nurses for service in military hospitals in the United States and abroad, have been urged by the division headquarters of the American Red Cross to double their efforts. This order follows a statement by Surgeon General Gorgas of the United States army that it may be necessary to call thousands of nurses into the service on very short notice.

The five states of the southwestern division have been asked to supply 2,025 trained nurses. Some of these nurses will be sent to military hospitals in a short time, while others will not be called to service until an emergency arises.

When the original appeal for nurses for military service was made the 700 Red Cross chapters in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas appointed special committees to continue the work of recruiting trained nurses for the duration of the war.

Special appeals have been made direct to Red Cross workers in the campaign to recruit nurses by Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Surgeon General Gorgas of the United States army and Surgeon General Elms of the United States navy.

Miss Lillian Anderson, director of the bureau of nursing for the southwestern division of the American Red Cross, said today that under a special effort was made Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, may find it impossible to supply its quota when it is demanded.

Antos Rained Horse-shoe.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 20.—Claiming that automobiles have ruined his business, Joseph Rieglebauer, horse-shoer, has a petition for bankruptcy. He admits debts of \$1,165.

## TALK TO GERMANY

Red Cross Opens Line of Communication to Enemy.

But Correspondence Must Be Purely Personal Messages.

PERSONS IN GOOD STANDING

Local Chapter Will Investigate All Communication Calls.

Purpose Is To Keep Friends and Relatives in Touch.

The American Red Cross has undertaken the establishment of a line of communication between persons in the United States and their relatives and friends in Germany, Austria and other enemy or allied enemy countries and in the provinces occupied by the enemies of the United States. This service was undertaken at the request of the government. The communications will be quite restricted, but the Red Cross will endeavor to deliver all proper personal messages without cost to the inquirer. The Red Cross will not guarantee that the messages will be delivered.

T. D. Hammatt, secretary of the Topeka chapter of the Red Cross, was notified today of the plans for the limited communication work. Mr. Hammatt will handle all the messages of the communication service.

Reputable Persons.

Messages accepted by the chapter will be forwarded thru the division office to the bureau of communication at headquarters. The bureau of communication will paraphrase or translate the message and forward it thru a neutral country to the enemy addressed. Provision has been made for receiving replies.

Messages must be written in duplicate on forms provided by the Red Cross and must be in English.

Applicants for communication service must be accredited to reputable persons in good standing in the community either by being personally known at the chapter or by filling a request signed by a reputable person who is known at the chapter and who vouches for the good faith and truthfulness of the applicant.

Only purely personal messages can be forwarded. Messages relating to financial or political matters or matters of public interest cannot be forwarded.

Registration of student nurses will be held from July 23 to August 11, and station will be open in the women's committee council of national defense rooms on the second floor of the Memorial building; at the school building in Oakland, and at the school building in the city. These stations will be open from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock each afternoon, and each will be in charge of a competent committee.

Push War Savings Drive.

A house to house canvass will also be made to obtain additional subscribers to war savings stamps, except where such a canvass has already been made. Information also will be distributed regarding the maintenance of existing social agencies in order to assist the favorable consideration of proposed bond issues for the purpose of providing a modern and adequate home for unfortunate citizens.

Call Meeting July 22.

In order to obtain supplies and detailed information, the members of the committee have been asked to assemble at a special meeting in the assembly room of the National hotel July 22.

Letters are now being mailed out from the rooms of the women's committee to the members in regard to these contemplated moves. Four young women who have volunteered their services in assisting in this work are: Miss Adelaide Taylor, Orpha Baughman, Alice Sullivan and Ethel Caster.

## WANT NEW NURSES

Women's Council of Defense To Recruit Students.

Enlistment Stations To Open in Memorial Hall July 29.

USE HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS

Campaign Includes Plans for Fireproof Home for Aged.

Four Young Women Volunteer To Help Drive With Work.

A house to house canvass to recruit student nurses will be made in the near future by the women's committee of the council of national defense, according to Miss M'Edna Corbet, county chairman. This will be done, it was explained, in order that graduate nurses may be released for military service. Leaflets of information will be distributed during the canvass.

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